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AT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 23, CHAIRMAN ASKED IF ANY DELEGATION HAD PRELIMINARY REACTION TO US PROPOSAL AT JANUARY 22 NAC MEETING FOR ONGOING AND HIGH LEVEL STUDY OF ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF ATLANTIC SECURITY. ALL ECONADS REPLIED THEY WERE AWAITING GUIDANCE FROM CAPITALS, BUT THAT INITIAL REACTION WITHIN THEIR DELEGATIONS WAS POSITIVE. UK AND NETHERLANDS REPS SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD NOT WANT STUDIES AND CONSULTATIONS IN NATO TO STRAY INTO FIELDS BEYOND NATO'S PROVINCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, SUCH AS WESTERN MONETARY ISSUES AND RECYCLING OF PETRODOLLARS. THEY WERE PLEASED, THEREFORE, THAT US PROPOSAL REFERRED TO ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF ALLIANCE SECURITY AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED US HAS NO DESIRE TO DUPLICATE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATING AND DECISION-MAKING ACTIVITIES PROPERLY BEING UNDERTAKEN IN OTHER FORA. BELGIAN ECONAD AGREED, BUT NOTED THAT US PROPOSAL REFERRED TO ALLIANCE SECURITY, NOT MERELY DEFENSE. BELGIUM WELCOMES THIS AND BELIEVES ALLIANCE SHOULD NOT PLACE UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTIVE LIMITS ON THE SCOPE OF DISCUSSIONS.

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